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**Summer Odysseys Energize New York City Teachers for New School Year**  
*Fund for Teachers Grants Bridge Teacher Learning With Dynamic Classrooms*

HOUSTON (August 31, 2010) – Students returning to many New York City public school classrooms this week may confuse their teacher with an explorer, researcher or scholar. They're actually one and the same, thanks to Fund for Teachers grants that sent 49 teachers on summer learning odysseys this summer.

Tapping their inner-student, these teachers individually designed and experienced fellowships to engage and inspire both themselves and, subsequently, their students. As a result, their teaching and curriculum will now reflect insights, experiences and primary sources collected from around the world.

For example:

- Nepalese students at **Brooklyn International High School** will connect more deeply with **Erin Collins** when she brings back photos, stories and insights gained from her work at the UN refugee camp from which they immigrated;
- At risk students at the **Urban Assembly School for Law & Justice** will begin practicing yoga after **Shannon Lynch** witnessed the value of doing so at community-based organizations in Kenya; and
- **Bushwick School for Social Justice's** environmental justice students will undertake conservation efforts in the city invigorated by **Natalie Dennison's** experiences with Global Vision International off the Great Barrier Reef.

After navigating the globe on \$14.2 million in Fund for Teachers fellowships over ten years, these and 4,000 more "Fellows" daily inspire school communities with experiences and insights only attainable by "being there." Each fellowship is as unique as the teacher who designed it; and regardless of the destination or discipline, our Fellows have returned to more than 2,500 schools inspired by their pursuit of ideas, terrains, and cultures on all seven continents.

Teachers interested in pursuing 2011 summer grants may apply online beginning October 1 at [fundforteachers.org/apply](http://fundforteachers.org/apply). Deadline for applications is January 28, 2011.

Fund for Teachers, through New Visions for Public Schools, has awarded \$2,410,862 in grants to 551 New York City teachers. To learn about their adventures, visit [www.fundforteachers.org/fellowsearch](http://www.fundforteachers.org/fellowsearch), or visit [facebook.com/fundforteachers](https://www.facebook.com/fundforteachers) to follow all 2010 Fellows' summer odysseys.

Fund for Teachers is a national, donor-supported organization celebrating its tenth year of awarding teachers the chance to pursue learning opportunities that have the greatest impact on themselves, their students and their communities. For more information, visit [fundforteachers.org](http://fundforteachers.org).

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